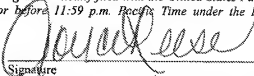


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On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner states that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species Group I : Figures 1-5a
Species Group II : Figure 5b


Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 32-49 and 56-62 are generic. The main difference between the two species is the angle enclosed by the two guide elements 6, 7 and 6', 7', respectively (Figs. 5a and 5b).

Applicant elects Species I (Figures 1-5a) on which claims 32-52 and 56-62 can be read.

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Consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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